



Mrs. Bessie M. Tate

February 13, 2019

Bessie Grant Tate was born to Hugh Grant, Jr. and Mary Grant in Livingston, Alabama. She accepted Christ at an early age and was a member of Piney Grove Baptist Church.

Bessie graduated from Livingston High School in 1974. Her education continued at the University of West Alabama and Mississippi University for Women in Columbus, MS where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree. While pursuing post-secondary education, Bessie began a career with Weyerhaeuser Co. To say Bessie was a hard worker is an understatement. She worked dutifully in land acquisition for forty years and aided in the company's expansion to Columbus and West Alabama.

Bessie loved helping others. She was an advocate for the under-served and worked diligently with outreach and mission projects. She had a servant's heart and worked tirelessly within the church and her community. An active member of St. James United Methodist Church, Bessie served faithfully with the United Methodist Women, and touched the lives of all she encountered. She was elected president of the Golden Crest (MS) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated in 2017 and graciously served until 2019.

Bessie transitioned to eternal rest on February 13, 2019. She will forever be missed by her family and friends. She leaves to cherish her memory a devoted and loving husband of 35 years, Thomas Julius "T.J." Tate, Jr.; two beloved children, Tracy J. Tate Bridges (Kori) and Thomas Julius "Buddy" Tate, III both of Columbus, MS; her dear mother, Mary Jane Grant of

Livingston, AL; three sisters, Hattie Jones (Richard) of Livingston, AL, Norma Bell (Clarence) of Birmingham, AL, and Carol Grant of Atlanta, GA; three brothers, Hugh Grant, III (Gloria) of Northport, AL, Arthur Grant (Annie) of Livingston, AL, and Lee Grant of Indianapolis, IN; and a host of nieces, nephews, and loved ones.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **17**. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Lee-Sykes Funeral Home
422 12th Street North
Columbus, MS 39705
(662) 328-4335
leesykes@cableone.net
<http://www.leesykesfuneralhome.com>

Service

FEB **18**. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. James United Methodist Church
710 Military Road
Columbus, MS 39705

Tribute Wall



“ *Mrs. Bessie M. Tate*

October 09, 2023 at 04:28 AM



“ *I remember meeting her at the Skill Center on Livingston Campus where she was employed and got to know her and her family relatively well. I recall her birthday is my parents anniversary date. Jan 7th. RIP*

Geroge Rembert Jr - January 08, 2020 at 12:26 AM



“ *I just called a coworker today and when I inquired whether Bessie was back at work I was told she had passed away. I worked with Bessie, but had never had the pleasure of meeting her in person. I was always so impressed with her work ethic, intelligence and gentleness. She was always professional and did 110%. My heart is heavy for the Tate family and all that loved her. Bessie will be missed.*

Alexis McDonald - May 16, 2019 at 11:36 AM



“ *Yolanda Jones sent a virtual gift in memory of Mrs. Bessie M. Tate*



Yolanda Jones - March 19, 2019 at 12:33 PM

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“ This hurts my heart to see this. Mrs. Bessie had the most beautiful smile and was just as beautiful inside as she was on the outside. My heart goes out to the entire family(TJ, Tracy, and Buddy). I will continue to lift you all in prayer. Love always, Tansy Ephriam Long.

Tansy Long - February 19, 2019 at 11:50 AM



“ The Lewis family morn the lost of Mrs Tate with you and the family. We are trusting God by way of the Holy Spirit to take you threw this time transition 🙏.

Angie Malone - February 18, 2019 at 04:35 PM

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“ I want to say to the family that we share in your lost. Bessie was my classmate. We loved her. She was a very friendly and loveable person. We are going to miss her dearly. To her wonderful mother and family, we love you and we are praying for you and with you. May God bless you and love always. From Betty Crooks and family.

Betty Crooks - February 17, 2019 at 10:53 PM

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“ P.R.E.S.T.I.G.E. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mrs. Bessie M. Tate.



P.R.E.S.T.I.G.E. - February 17, 2019 at 12:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Bessie M. Tate.*



February 17, 2019 at 09:26 AM



“ *My prayers and thoughts are with you during this time. Bessie was my classmate and she will be missed.*

*With sincerest sympathy,
Katie Jones-Powell
Eutaw, AL*

Katie Jones-Powell - February 16, 2019 at 06:25 PM



“ *A beautiful lady with a warming and loving spirit. I taught both her children, Tracy and Buddy! My prayers are with you, Mr. TATE, TRACY, AND BUDDY!! LOVE ALL OF YOU!!!*

Birdie Ephriam - February 16, 2019 at 05:01 PM